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Subject:- Village Group Contact Scheme.

I have the honour to enclose herein for the information of Government a brochure entitled "VILLAGE GROUP CONTACT SCHEME" drawn up by me with a view to secure co-operation between the Civil population and the military units stationed in the State, in the present emergency. The scheme was drafted in pursuance of a preliminary discussion that took place at the Residency on 14-8-1942 in which I was asked to participate. The draft Scheme had been submitted to the Dewan who was pleased to approve of it with certain amendments. As desired by the Hon'ble the British Resident a copy of the Scheme was furnished to him and he was pleased to say that as a beginning the Scheme was very satisfactory.

The Military authorities are taking action to implement the objects set out in the scheme and have issued instructions to their officers to be followed to establish friendly contact with the village group assigned to their area. In furtherance of this Scheme, I held two meetings to inaugurate the scheme one at the R.A.F. near Hindustan Air Craft and another at Jalahalli Military Camp on the 20th instant. The meetings were largely attended both by the members of the Military Units and the

the Civil population. It is hoped that the establishment of such contacts will remove misapprehension in the minds of the civil population and also help the military authorities to realise that their presence in the midst of the civil population is welcome and that the civil population is anxious to develop friendly relations with them.

Mr.Krishnachar, Civil Officer has under my instructions taken steps to bring the scheme to the notice of the several members of the various village committees with a view to ensure that meetings are held regularly and frequently by all these Committees.

Kannada copies of the scheme will be got printed and distributed among the committee members who do not know English. I/enclose also a dozen copies of the scheme for your use.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner
and Civil Liaison officer.

T.S.P.3.

VILLAGE GROUP CONTACT SCHEME.

Objects.—With a view to popularise and stimulate War efforts, many important measures have been undertaken in Mysore, chief of which are, the Organisation of District War Fund Committees, Village Vigilance Committees, National War Front Committees, etc. With the rapid developments for the prosecution of the war, Military troops have had to be stationed round about Bangalore and in the vicinity of important towns and other areas to protect the local population. But due to a lack of proper understanding, there is not always that amount of harmonious feeling and liaison between the Military and the Civil population that should really exist, particulary during times like the present. In order to bring about this much needed close and cordial relationship between the troops and the local population, and to make the people realise that the troops have been stationed in their interest, it is found necessary to establish local Village Committees round about Bangalore and in the vicinity of other areas where troops have been stationed. With this end in view, the following scheme called "THE VILLAGE GROUP CONTACT SCHEME" has been inaugurated.

2. *Constitution.*—Separate village contact groups will be constituted for each village or group of villages, situated near each Military area. The personnel of the Contact Group Committees will consist of the Patel, the Shanbhog, influential Village Panchayet members and one or two important non-official members of the Taluk, who have been taking active interest for the successful prosecution of the

war. The local Revenue Officers should co-operate with these Contact Groups and render every assistance to achieve their objective.

3. *Functions.*—(i) The Contact Group will meet once a month or oftener if possible.

(ii) They will meet in a public place close to the Military Camps, invite the Military to their meetings, enter into friendly relations with the troops, act as guides and interpreters, and above all convey to the people that the presence of troops in their neighbourhood is for their defence and security and should inspire confidence.

(iii) The Revenue Inspector or an intelligent school master or some other non-official gentleman who knows English, Kannada and one other language in addition will act as interpreter between the Group Committees and the Military personnel.

(iv) The Military authorities, on their part, will arrange suitable demonstrations of weapons and war equipment and will also arrange friendly talks and discussions on defence measures and explain how the rural population can best co-operate with them.

(v) Military Units will invite these Village Groups to their camp and lines and will generally try to establish mutual respect and confidence. Tea parties, watching sports and games, listening to wireless broadcast programmes are some methods by which this can be done.

(vi) Programmes of the visits of the Military to these Committees will be announced beforehand in consultation with the Military authorities.

(vii) As soon as these Committees have been established and their locations fixed, the Military authorities will depute one or more Military Units with whom direct contact will be effected.

With a view to give effect to the above Scheme, the following groups of Village Committees will be

established, with effect from 7th September 1942, for the country around Bangalore. The personnel of the committees is provisionally constituted as noted below, subject to such additions or alterations as may be found necessary from time to time.

Similar Committees will be formed in the other areas also where the Military have been stationed, *e.g.*, at Kolar and Harihar. The Revenue Inspectors of the respective hoblis will be the Convenors of the committees who will keep the Military in contact with the group committees, working through the Civil Liaison Officer attached to Headquarters, Bangalore Area.

GROUPS OF VILLAGE COMMITTEES.

I. YESWANTAPUR COMMITTEE :—

(1) Yeswantapur
(2) Peenya
(3) Dasarahalli
(4) Mathikere

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) B. Narayanaswamappa
(2) Nanjappa Reddy
(3) B. Ramiah
(4) Venkatasamappa
(5) G. R. Narasimhiengar
(6) L. Narayanaswamappa

II. ABBIGERE COMMITTEE :—

(1) Mallasandra
(2) Kamagondahalli
(3) Settihalli
(4) Singapura
(5) Anchipura
(6) Chikkabanavara
(7) Abbigere

Personnel—

Messrs.—

(1) Bussiah
(2) Anjanappa, Patel
(3) C. B. Fatakia
(4) Venkataramaniah
(5) Settihalli Narasimiah
(6) Mallasandra Vasudeva Rao
(7) Shanbhog Gundappa

III. DODDABOMMASANDRA COMMITTEE :—

(1) Ramachandrapura
(2) Kodigehalli
(3) Mohamedsabara Palya
(4) Chikkabettahalli
(5) Doddabettahalli
(6) Thindlu
(7) Doddabommasandra

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) Shanbhog Naranappa of Doddabommasandra
(2) Patel Range Gowda of Kodigehalli
(3) Esuf Sab of Mohamedsabara Palya
(4) Attur Machappa
(5) Thindlu Narayanaswamy Gowda
(6) Patel Munivenkatappa

IV. HEBBAL COMMITTEE :—

(1) Byatarayanapura
(2) Vyalikaval
(3) Gangenahalli
(4) Nagasettihalli
(5) Gedlahalli
(6) Hebbal

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) Syed Hussain of Hebbal
(2) H. G. Shamanna
(3) Byrahanumiah
(4) Kempiah of Guttahalli
(5) Adappa of Byatarayanapura
(6) Garudappa, Nagasettihalli

JAKKUR COMMITTEE :—

(1) Venkatala
(2) Yelahanka
(3) Avalahalli
(4) Jakkur

Personnel—

Messrs

(1) Byregowda of Jakkur
(2) Allalasandra Shanbhog Naranappa
(3) Patel Puttiah of Yelahanka
(4) Avalahalli Nanjundappa
(5) Chikkamuniappa of Yelahanka
(6) Patel Chikkanna of Avalahalli

VI. BYAPPANAHALLI COMMITTEE :—

(1) Benniganahalli
(2) Suddakuntepalya
(3) Krishnarajapura
(4) Srinivasapura
(5) Byappanahalli

Personnel—

Messrs

(1) B. M. Muniswamappa
(2) Sreekantiah, Shanbhog
(3) Sreenivasa Rao
(4) Suddakuntepalyada Ramiah
(5) Patel Ramiah Reddy

VII. KADUGODI COMMITTEE :—

(1) Kadugodi
(2) Channasandra

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) Shanbhog Subbiah, Kadugodi
(2) Dr. Varadachar, Medical Practitioner, Kadugodi.
(3) Subba Rao, Agent, Chemical Fertilisers, Kadugodi.
(4) Mohamed Gaffoor, Patel, Kadugodi
(5) Thimmiah Gowda, Patel, Channasandra
(6) Appiah, Patel, Kadugodi

VIII. WHITEFIELD COMMITTEE :—

(1) Whitefield
(2) Pattandur
(3) Hudi

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) J. Baines (*Chairman*)
(2) Shankar
(3) Nurse
(4) Patel Pallanna

IX. KONENA AGRAHARA COMMITTEE :—

(1) Konena Agrahara
(2) Vibhutipura
(3) Belur
(4) Emlur
(5) Jodi Kodihalli

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) Krishnamurthy, Shanbhog
(2) Emlur Patel, Sinnananjappa
(3) Cheluvachary
(4) Patel Sunka Reddy

X. AGARA COMMITTEE :—

(1) Agara
(2) Iblur
(3) Bellandur

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) Patel Muniappa
(2) Krishnappa
(3) Reddi Ramiah.
(4) Maddurachari
(5) Suryanarayana Rao
(6) A. Krishnamurthy Rao
(7) Patel Venkatappa
(8) Imam Sab

XI. MULLUR COMMITTEE :—

(1) Mullur
(2) Kodathi

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) Nagesha Rao
(2) Venkataramiah
(3) Chowdappa
(4) Muniswamy Reddy
(5) Lakshminaranappa

XII. MADIVALA COMMITTEE :—

(1) Madivala
(2) Jakkasandra
(3) Venkatapura
(4) Adugodi
(5) Maistry Palya
(6) Seenivagalu

Personnel—

Messrs.

(1) Patel Chikkakatappa
(2) Appaji Rao
(3) Muniappa
(4) B. M. Ramiah
(5) Honnappa
(6) Chikpapanna

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